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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06502.0368-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Guy L. STEELE, Jr.

Application No.: 10/035,589

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: FLOATING POINT UNIT FOR
DETECTING AND
REPRESENTING INEXACT
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REQUEST FOR REFUND

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.26, Applicants request a refund of the issue fee (\$1,400.00) and publication fee (\$300.00) paid on August 4, 2005, totaling \$1,700.00.

Applicant received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due in this case on October 27, 2004, and paid the issue and publication fees on January 27, 2005. On April 1, 2005, however, Applicant filed a Petition to Withdraw Patent From Issue, which was granted in

a Decision mailed on April 4, 2005. A supplemental Notice of Allowance and Fee(s)

Due was then mailed on May 6, 2005, and the issue and publication fees were
inadvertently paid again on August 4, 2005. As evidence of the foregoing, Applicant
attaches hereto:

1. Copy of the Notice of Allowance mailed October 27, 2004;

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Application No. 10/035,589

2. Copy of the postcard receipt evidencing that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office received payment of issue and publication fees on January 27, 2005;
3. Copy of the Decision on the Petition mailed April 4, 2005;
4. Copy of the Notice of Allowance mailed May 6, 2005, indicating \$0 issue fee and \$0 publication fee required; and
5. A copy of the receipt evidencing that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office received a second payment of the issue and publication fees on August 4, 2005.

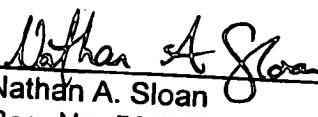
Since the issue and publication fees in this case were paid twice, a refund of the second issue and publication fees payment on August 4, 2005, is respectfully requested. Please credit the refund to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916 and forward the appropriate notification to our Financial Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: August 31, 2005

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/035,589	12/28/2001	Guy L. Steele JR.	06502.0368	2895

TITLE OF INVENTION: FLOATING POINT UNIT FOR DETECTING AND REPRESENTING INEXACT COMPUTATIONS WITHOUT FLAGS OR TRAPS

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1370	\$300	\$1670	01/27/2005
EXAMINER	ART UNIT		CLASS-SUBCLASS		
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a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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Authorized Signature D. Kent Stier

Date January 27, 2005

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In Re Application of: Guy L. STEELE, JR.

Application No.: 10/035,589

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: FLOATING POINT UNIT FOR DETECTING AND REPRESENTING INEXACT COMPUTATIONS WITHOUT FLAGS OR TRAPS

Confirmation No.: 2895

Group Art Unit: 2124

Examiner: Chuong D. Ngo



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1. Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 of Mailing by "Express Mail" (1 pg)
2. Petition to Defer Issuance of Patent (2 pgs)
3. Letter Requesting Acknowledgment of Information Disclosure Statements Filed Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 along with copies of Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 4, 2004; November 23, 2004; and December 23, 2004, and their respective, stamped postcards (15 pgs total)
4. Issue Fee Transmittal (1 pg)
5. Fee Address for Maintenance Fee Purposes in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.363 (2 pgs)

Dated: January 27, 2005

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In re Application of
Guy L. Steele :
Application No. 10/035,589 :
Filed: December 28, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 06502.0368 :

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 1, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on January 28, 2005 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

The examiner of Technology Center AU 2124 will consider the request for continued

Karen Creasy
Karen Creasy
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy

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¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.	
10/035,589	12/28/2001	Guy L. Steele JR.	06502.0368	2895	
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APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$0	\$0	\$0	08/08/2005

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

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Docket No.: 06502.0368-00

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